The things that make more sense after mimicry are pretty much everything. After copying the code and running it, then finding errors or changing code where instructed and seeing the result, I have a better understanding of the code I copied. Just seeing long lines of code in the text (for ex. preg\_match) can be intimidating until I put it on a program and run it. The next step of changing the text and seeing what the changes affect solidifies my understanding.

Coming up with my own examples was very helpful in that I can play with it until I have complete control of the code in knowing exactly what to write to get the desired output. It’s like starting a puzzle and being overwhelmed in the beginning, but after taking some time to look at the pieces all the pieces start to make more sense.

The struggles I had from these examples are primarily the syntax. PHP seems to be highly dependent characters/punctuation that makes it time consuming to type. Also the extracting URLs file is confusing to me. I like to go through all of them line by line to piece together an understanding but that one is a little much.